

**DICKINSON COUNTY SANITARY
LANDFILL COMMISSION
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORTS
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
JUNE 30, 2006**

DICKINSON COUNTY SANITARY LANDFILL COMMISSION

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DICKINSON COUNTY SANITARY LANDFILL COMMISSION

OFFICIALS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Dennis Daly	Chairman	City of Okoboji
Ed Rice	Vice-Chairman	City of West Okoboji
Ron Walker	Secretary/Treasurer	City of Arnolds Park
Tim Wintz	Member	City of Wahpeton
Don Lamb	Member	City of Milford
Kevin Bice	Member	City of Spirit Lake
Jim Jackson	Member	City of Orleans
Nick Lanning	Member	City of Lake Park
Mardi Allen	Member	Dickinson County

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors
Dickinson County Sanitary Landfill Commission
Arnolds Park, IA 51331

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Dickinson County Sanitary Landfill Commission as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Commission's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, these financial statements are prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Dickinson Sanitary County Landfill Commission as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006 and the changes in cash basis financial position for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 28, 2007 on our consideration of Commission's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provision of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The Commission has not presented management's discussion and analysis which introduces the basic financial statements by presenting certain financial information as well as management's analytical insight on that information that the Government Accounting Standards Board has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be a part of, the basic financial statements.

Winter, Steve H. LHP

March 28, 2007

DICKINSON COUNTY SANITARY LANDFILL COMMISSION
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS
JUNE 30, 2006

ASSETS

Cash	<u>\$ 30,991</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 30,991</u>
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NET ASSETS

Unrestricted:	
Undesignated	<u>\$ 30,991</u>

TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 30,991</u>
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DICKINSON COUNTY SANITARY LANDFILL COMMISSION
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006

OPERATING RECEIPTS:	
Tipping fees	\$ 59,507
State grants	90,891
Miscellaneous	600
TOTAL OPERATING RECEIPTS	<u>150,998</u>
OPERATING DISBURSEMENTS:	
Insurance	2,606
Supplies	<u>32,797</u>
TOTAL OPERATING DISBURSEMENTS	<u>35,403</u>
EXCESS OF OPERATING RECEIPTS OVER OPERATING DISBURSEMENTS	<u>115,595</u>
NON-OPERATING RECEIPTS (DISBURSEMENTS)	
Interest income	189
Construction loan repayments	(4,992)
Building and equipment purchases	<u>(112,736)</u>
TOTAL NON-OPERATING RECEIPTS (DISBURSEMENTS)	<u>(117,539)</u>
CHANGE IN CASH BASIS NET ASSETS	(1,944)
NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>32,935</u>
NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 30,991</u>

DICKINSON COUNTY SANITARY LANDFILL COMMISSION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2006

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Dickinson County Sanitary Landfill Commission is an inter-governmental agency, established in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 28E of the State Code of Iowa (Inter-governmental Cooperation Agreement). The purpose of the Commission is to continuously study and implement methods and means to efficiently, economically, and lawfully manage solid waste generated within each member city and the unincorporated portion of Dickinson County.

The governing body of the Commission is composed of one representative from each member. The members of the Commission include Dickinson County and the Cities of Okoboji, West Okoboji, Arnolds Park, Wahpeton, Milford, Spirit Lake, Orleans, and Lake Park. The Commission receives a portion of the tipping fees charged for usage of Dickinson Landfill, Inc. which is separately owned and operated.

Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, the Commission has included all funds, organizations, account groups, boards, commissions and authorities. The Commission has also considered all potential component units for which it is financial accountable, and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Commission are such that exclusion would cause the Commission's financial statement to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and (1) the ability of the Landfill to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the Commission. The Commission has no component units which meet the Governmental Accounting Standards Board criteria.

Basis of Presentation

The accounts of the Commission are organized as an Enterprise Fund. Enterprise Funds are utilized to finance and account for the acquisition, operation, and maintenance of governmental facilities and services supported by user charges.

Enterprise Funds distinguish operating receipts and disbursements from non-operating items. Operating receipts and disbursements generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with an Enterprise Fund's principal outgoing operations. All receipts and disbursements not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating receipts and disbursements.

Basis of Accounting

The Commission maintains its financial records on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements and the financial statements of the commission are prepared on that basis. The cash basis of accounting does not give effect to accounts receivable, accounts payable, and accrued items. Accordingly, the financial statement does not present the financial position and results of operations of the Commission in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

DICKINSON COUNTY SANITARY LANDFILL COMMISSION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued
JUNE 30, 2006

2. CASH

The Commission's deposits at June 30, 2006 were covered by federal depository insurance or by the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assessments against the depositories to ensure there will be no loss of public funds.

The Commission is authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the Commission's Board of Directors; prime eligible bankers acceptances; certain high rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open-end management investment companies; certain joint investment trusts; and warrants or improvement certificates of a drainage district.

3. CONSTRUCTION LOAN REPAYMENTS

During the year ended June 30, 2006, the Commission completed construction of an Operations Building. This project was financed in part with a \$46,627 award from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. This award consisted of a \$20,000 forgivable loan and a \$26,627 zero interest loan. The forgivable loan portion of this award will be forgiven if the Commission has complied with all contractual obligations of the project through January 30, 2008. If contractual requirements are not met, the forgivable loan portion of the award will revert to a zero interest loan requiring repayment. The zero interest loan had a remaining balance payable of \$21,635 at June 30, 2006. The loan is due in quarterly installments of \$1,664 with final payment due July 15, 2009.

The Commission has also been awarded an \$82,336 award from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, of which \$48,345 was utilized as of June 30, 2006. The utilized award consisted of a \$20,000 forgivable loan and a \$28,345 zero interest loan. The forgivable loan portion of this award will be forgiven if the Commission has complied with all contractual obligations of the project through January 15, 2010. If contractual requirements are not met, the forgivable loan portion of the award will revert to a zero interest loan requiring repayment. The zero interest loan had a remaining balance of \$28,345 at June 30, 2006. The loan is due in quarterly installments of \$1,417 with final payment due April 15, 2011.

Total loan payments are due as follows:

Years ending June 30,	
2007	\$ 12,326
2008	12,326
2009	12,326
2010	7,332
2011	<u>5,670</u>
Total	<u>\$ 49,980</u>

DICKINSON COUNTY SANITARY LANDFILL COMMISSION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued
JUNE 30, 2006

4. CLOSURE AND POSTCLOSURE CARE COST

Since the Commission does not own and operate Dickinson Landfill, Inc., the commission is not required to complete a monitoring system plan and a closure/postclosure plan to comply with Federal and State regulations or to provide funding necessary to effect closure and postclosure, including the proper monitoring and care of the landfill after closure.

Since the Commission is not subject to these requirements, Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 18, which requires landfill owners to estimate total landfill closure and postclosure care costs and recognize a portion of these costs each year based on the percentage of estimated total landfill capacity used that period, does not apply to the Commission.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Commission is a member of the Iowa Communities Assurance Pool, as allowed by Chapter 670.7 of the Code of Iowa. The Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (Pool) is a local government risk-sharing pool whose 531 members include various governmental entities throughout the State of Iowa. The Pool was formed in August 1986 for the purpose of managing and funding third-party liability claims against its members. The Pool provides coverage and protection in the following categories: general liability, automobile liability, automobile physical damage, public officials liability, police professional liability, property, inland marine, and boiler/machinery. There have been no reductions in insurance coverage from prior years.

Each member's annual casualty contributions to the Pool fund current operations and provide capital. Annual operating contributions are those amounts necessary to fund, on a cash basis, the Pool's general and administrative expenses, claims, claims expenses, and reinsurance expenses due and payable in the current year, plus all or any portion of any deficiency in capital. Capital contributions are made during the first six years of membership and are maintained to equal 300 percent of the total current members' basis rates or to comply with the requirements of any applicable regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the Pool.

The Pool also provides property coverage. Members who elect such coverage make annual operating contributions which are necessary to fund, on a cash basis, the Pool's general and administrative expenses and reinsurance premiums, all of which are due and payable in the current year, plus all or any portion of any deficiency in capital. Any year-end operating surplus is transferred to capital. Deficiencies in operations are offset by transfers from capital and, if insufficient, by the subsequent year's member contributions.

The Commission's property and casualty contributions to the risk pool are recorded as disbursements from its operating funds at the time of payment to the risk pool. The Commission's annual contributions to the Pool for the year ended June 30, 2006 were \$2,606.

DICKINSON COUNTY SANITARY LANDFILL COMMISSION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued
JUNE 30, 2006

5. RISK MANAGEMENT - Continued

The Pool uses reinsurance and excess risk-sharing agreements to reduce its exposure to large losses. The Pool retains general, automobile, police professional, and public officials' liability risks up to \$350,000 per claim. Claims exceeding \$350,000 are reinsured in an amount not to exceed \$2,650,000 per claim and \$5,000,000 in aggregate per year. For members requiring specific coverage from \$2,000,000 to \$10,000,000, such excess coverage is also reinsured. Automobile physical damage risks are retained by the Pool up to \$100,000 each occurrence, each location, with excess coverage reinsured on an individual-member basis.

The Pool's intergovernmental contract with its members provides that in the event a casualty claim or series of claims exceeds the amount of risk-sharing protection provided by the member's risk-sharing certificate, or in the event that a series of casualty claims exhausts total members' equity plus any reinsurance and any excess risk-sharing recoveries, then payment of such claims shall be the obligation of the respective individual member. As of June 30, 2006, settled claims have not exceeded the risk pool or reinsurance company coverage since the pool's inception.

Members agree to continue membership in the Pool for a period of not less than one full year. After such period, a member who has given 60 days' prior written notice may withdraw from the Pool. Upon withdrawal, payments for all claims and claims expenses become the sole responsibility of the withdrawing member, regardless of whether a claim was incurred or reported prior to the member's withdrawal. Members withdrawing within the first six years of membership may receive a partial refund of their capital contributions. If a member withdraws after the sixth year, the member is refunded 100% of its capital contributions; however, the refund is reduced by an amount equal to the annual operating contribution which the withdrawing member would have made for the one-year period following withdrawal.

6. MAJOR CUSTOMER

During the year ended June 30, 2006, the Commission received approximately 39% of its revenues from one company from tipping fees collected and approximately 60% of its revenues from State of Iowa grants.

7. FUNDS HELD FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMISSION

The Dickinson County Conservation Board (Board) collects disposal fees from Commission members and from private citizens for items deposited at the regional collection center operated by the Commission. The Board also pays the wages of employees responsible for managing and operating the center. The excess of cash receipts over cash disbursements by the Board are considered held for the benefit of the Commission. The Commission would be responsible to reimburse the Board for any excess of cash disbursements over cash receipts.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, the Board collected \$40,760 and disbursed \$42,255. As of June 30, 2006, the Board held \$31,242 for the benefit of the Commission.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Directors
Dickinson County Landfill Commission
Arnolds Park, IA 51331

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Dickinson County Sanitary Landfill Commission as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006 and have issued our report thereon dated March 28, 2007. Our report expressed an unqualified opinion on the financial statements which were prepared in conformity with an other comprehensive basis of accounting. We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Commission's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted a certain matter involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be a reportable condition. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Commission's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. The reportable condition is described in Part I of the accompanying Schedule of Findings.

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by Commission officials in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial

reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we believe the reportable condition described above (item I-A-06) is a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements of Dickinson County Sanitary Landfill Commission are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the Commission's operations for the year ended June 30, 2006 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statements of the Commission. Since our audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of Commission officials, the citizens of Dickinson County, and other parties to whom the Commission may report. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of the Commission during the course of our audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.



March 28, 2007

DICKINSON COUNTY SANITARY LANDFILL COMMISSION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

Part I: Findings Related to the Financial Statements

Instances of Noncompliance:

No matters were noted.

Reportable Conditions:

- I-A-06 Segregation of Duties - The Commission has no employees and responsibilities assigned to Board members do not provide adequate segregation of duties. One individual has control over collecting, depositing, and reconciling receipts for which no compensating controls exist.

Recommendation - We realize that with no employees segregation of duties is difficult. However, the Commission should review its operating procedures to obtain the maximum internal control possible under the circumstances, and the Board should carefully monitor financial reporting.

Response - The Commission is aware that this condition exists and will continue to monitor the internal control system and financial reporting to ensure assets are safeguarded.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

Part II: Other Findings Related to Statutory Reporting

- II-A-06 Questionable Expenses - We noted no expenses that may not meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in an Attorney General's opinion dated April 25, 1979.
- II-B-06 Travel Expense - No expenditures of money for travel expenses of spouses of Commission officials or employees were noted.
- II-C-06 Board Minutes - No transactions were found that we believe should have been approved in the Commission minutes but were not.
- II-D-06 Deposits and Investments - No instances of non-compliance with the deposit and investment provisions of Chapter 12B and Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa and the Commission's investment policy were noted.
- II-H-06 Solid Waste Fees Retainage - During the year ended June 30, 2006, the Commission did not retain solid waste fees in accordance with Chapter 455B.310(3) and (4) of the Code of Iowa.